

Recruit Review



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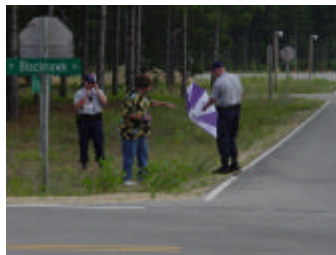
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Accountability
Integrity
Respect
Teamwork
Professionalism

Scenario Saturday

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After being informed of an outstanding warrant, the recruits place "Mr. Markus" in handcuffs and search him.



After making comments about Communist corporations taking over America, "Mr. Markus" is put in the patrol car and taken away to P.C. City Jail.

DAAT and Firearms Illustrated



Top left: The recruits shooting downrange while in a Roll-Over Prone position. Top right: Recruit McFarlane drives Recruit Geiszler back during our baton training. Bottom left: The shooting competition using the look-shoot method. Bottom right: Recruit Spence finds himself surrounded by P.C. City's Finest with nowhere to run.



Martial Arts Training

By: Nicole Reisner

On Thursday night of week four our eyes were opened to another form of self-defense to add to our repertoire. Martial arts is something that all of us, with the exception of one, had never tried before. We anxiously awaited for the training to begin, thinking that we were going to be turned into black belt ninjas overnight. Needless to say, this didn't happen! We were introduced to Officer David Cahoon, a first-degree black belt in Kyu-kido. Throughout the night we learned



The technique of a proper defensive stance is practiced in every form of training that we do.

a series of stances, some different punches and kicks, and how to fall. All of us found this to be very useful information as we began to notice that we were using and perfecting many of the

moves that we learned in DAAT. We also learned the importance of defending ourselves and always protecting our heads. Overall, we had a great time working together with Officer Cahoon, listening to and watching all of the great teaching points that he had for us. However, the one thing that stuck in our minds was a great quote from him, "It is extremely important that you are able to react. Have the mindset that you are going home at the end of your shift." These words really hit home and has helped all of us to continue to strive to do our best.

Storm Spotters

By: William McCormick

On July 17 we received a four-hour block on natural disasters. We were able to see how the National Weather Service conducts its storm spotter training. Mr. Todd Shea, a warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service (NWS) out of La Crosse, WI, discussed what the NWS is, how we will play a part in altering the public to severe weather, and how we will follow-up after a severe weather situation.

Some of the duties Mr. Shea has with the NWS include giving warnings, short term forecasting, data collection, and training public service. We also learned about some of the technology that the NWS uses in its regional offices, for instance Doppler Radar, computer satellite imaging outlays, and radio transmitters. With this equipment, along with storm spotters,



Mr. Todd Shea lectures our class about severe weather.

the NWS is able to produce outlooks, watches, and warnings for severe weather.

Our position in this system is in the role of a storm spotter. The role of a storm spotter is to be able to advise weather conditions to others in our community and to the NWS. The NWS needs storm spotters for several reasons. First of all the high tech equipment does not provide all the answers to the actual weather conditions. It also allows for real time decisions

that adds credibility to a forecast and may save lives. Finally we will be able to be the eyes and ears of the community we will be working in.

Some of the severe weather situations we will be looking out for in Wisconsin include thunderstorms, floods, flash floods, lighting, and tornadoes. To do this we must be able to distinguish many characteristics of each. After this training we are now more versed in noticing funnel clouds, shelf clouds, wall clouds, and other types of storm features that will help us to do our jobs as storm spotters in our communities.



Firearms

By: Matthew Spence

This week we picked up the firearms training again. All of us were able to demonstrate the skills that we had learned during our first week of training. As our skills are still progressing, we have now learned to fire our weapon from the “Roll-Over Prone” position and to fire with our reaction side or non-dominant hand. Both of these skills presented a challenge for us as none of us were well versed with firing a weapon from our non-dominant hand.

Monday we had a competition using the “look shot” technique. The competition was a single elimination event. We competed against one of our classmates and the winner was declared by the number of successful hits and the quickest time. Recruits Powell and



Sergeant DeFrang instructs the recruits during the combat shoot.

Spence ended up going head to head and Recruit Powell was victorious. This competition allowed us to practice our techniques of both firing and reloading while the stress level was elevated through the element of competition.

Tuesday we completed the Combat Qualification Course. Here we were able to use all of the techniques

that we had learned in one comprehensive evaluation. The Combat Qualification Course utilized all of our techniques from the “Point and Shoot” at three yards up to the “Roll-Over Prone” position at twenty-five yards.

Wednesday we worked on point to point cover. We started in a position with little cover and moved to a point of advantage while addressing three armed subjects. This skill required the use of our non-dominant hand so there was a challenge present, but nothing that we could not overcome.

As we come close to wrapping up our firearms training the time and effort put in by both our instructors and the students is becoming evident. We are becoming more confident with our skills and our marksmanship is steadily improving.

Week In Review

By: Jeff Brann

Week five was a continuous week of classes as we were in session throughout the weekend. On Saturday, we had scenario training all day, which put a strong emphasis on dealing with mentally ill subjects and proper use of the ten codes. Verbal Judo was also incorporated quite heavily.

On Sunday, we had a full day of traffic law. This was a continuation from our previous traffic law classes that we have had. However, instead of rules of the road, we focused on the licensing and registration of vehicles and drivers, as well as weights and measurements for vehicle classification.

Monday began with quizzes and report writing. During report writing we were able to look back on our reports that we had written out from the scenarios on Saturday and critique each other's as we presented them to the class. We had heavy emphasis on the use of headings and sub-headings,

which makes the report easier to read and easier to reference when you are only looking for specific information from a given report.

We also began our second week of DAAT training, which tied in the basics of what we had learned in our first week and expanded the techniques further.

Along with DAAT came our second week of firearms training. We did more work with our combat training and learned new shooting positions and proper techniques.

Our natural disaster class took place on Wednesday morning. We were informed on what to look for in case a major storm or tornado was about to hit an area, and who to alert if we would see something forming.

Thursday was our day to see what happens when the cadets arrive on scene for the beginning of the ChalNge Academy. We were able to assist in the initial transition that the cadets were about to make in becoming responsible adults. We witnessed the

initial haircuts, loss of possessions, issuance of their new cadet apparel, their first taste of military P.T., and their shake-down searches where Team Leaders were able to prevent any contraband from being smuggled into the academy like money, tobacco, alcohol, and drugs. We will be working with the ChalNge Academy throughout the rest of our training, so there will be weekly updates on our involvement and progress of their academy.

Next week we will continue to work on our DAAT and firearms training, and we will be getting our class work and exposure to a blast from Oleoresin Capsicum or O.C. spray. After being sprayed in the face with the O.C., we will have to perform some of our DAAT moves, and fire a Simunition gun and hit the target while trying to fight the effects of O.C. We will also be receiving training in Rules of Evidence and Community Oriented Policing.